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1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers.

2. ORCHESTRA: QUARTET: RANGER SONG

3. ANNOUNCER: Today, friends, of the National Farm and Home Hour --

4. today, Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers begin their ninth year

5. on the air! ... Since they first came to us back in January, 1932,

6. thousands of our listeners have come to know and love the folks of the

7. Pine Cone Ranger Station -- the veteran Forest Ranger, Jim Robbins;

8. his wife, Bess Robbins; the young Assistant Ranger, Jerry Quick; and

9. Winding Creek's school teacher, Mary Halloway, who has become just like

10. one of the Ranger Station family ... Presented by the National

11. Broadcasting Company, with the cooperation of the United States Forest

12. Service, Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers have endeavored to bring you true

13. pictures of the everyday life and work of those who protect and

14. administer our great National Forests. Many of the stories have been

15. based on actual experiences of Forest Service people in the woods.

16. The National Forests belong to all the people of the United

17. States, and their resources are conserved and developed for our benefit.

18. So the Forest Rangers are really your agents, assigned to the duty of

19. keeping the forests ever green and growing so they will be of permanent

20. value to the Nation. And in administering our National Forests, the

21. rangers' motto and purpose has always been, and continues to be:

22. "the greatest good for the greatest number of people in the long run."

23. And now, for our 368th visit, we take you to the Pine Cone

24. Ranger Station ...

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1. BESS: (FADING IN) Why don't you sit still awhile, Jim. You
2. must be tired.

3. JIM: Well, I ought to get a couple of letters written, Bess,
4. but I'll admit this old easy chair does feel pretty good.

5. MARY: Wasn't it awfully cold out on the forest today, Mr. Robbins?
6. JIM: Yep, it was kind a hard going, wasn't it, Jerry?

7. JERRY: I'll say. That old wind cut right through you, up there on
8. the ridge.

9. BESS: Why don't you take off your boots, Jim?

10. JIM: Huh? ... All right, guess I will.

11. BESS: Here's your slippers.

12. JIM: Uh-huh. Thanks, Bess.

13. JERRY: Guess I better poke up the fire a little bit. Gee, I'm
14. glad I filled the wood box this morning. Won't have to go
15. out again tonight now ... till I have to take Mary home.

16. MARY: You don't have to take me home, Jerry. I can ...

17. JERRY: Let you go home alone on a night like this? No siree, I'm
18. taking you home, young lady.

19. MARY: Well, I ought to be going pretty soon now ...

20. JERRY: Aw, stick around a little while, Mary. It's early.

21. BESS: Yes, please stay a little while, Mary. We can sit here by
22. the fire and visit.

23. MARY: All right.

24. JIM: Say, you know, I was just thinking. It was just eight years
25. ago this week that Jerry first came on the job.

1. MARY: Was it, Mr. Robbins?

2. JERRY: Yeah, that's right, Mary. Gee, I sure must've been a green

3. young kid that day.

4. JIM: (CHUCKLING) Well, I s'pect you had a little to learn.

5. JERRY: I'll say. Plenty. I guess I haven't learned it all yet.

6. JIM: You always keep on learning things on this job, son.

7. BESS: Jerry did seem awfully young then. Remember, Jim ...? The

8. day he came, you were (FADING) fidgeting about the Christmas

9. decorations still being up ...

10. (FADEOUT FOR FLASH-BACK)

11. JIM: (FADING IN) Well, Bess, I think I'll get all these

12. Christmas decorations down. About dried out, don't you

13. think?

14. BESS: Oh, Jim, not just yet. I --

15. JIM: (CHUCKLES) What do you want to do, leave them up for the

16. fourth of July?

17. BESS: Now don't be silly, Jim. I' just thought that since that

18. new ranger ... the young fellow -- is coming up any day now,

19. we ought to leave them up till he gets here. I want the

20. house to look nice ...

21. JIM: All right, Bess, leave 'em up. But I hope that boy gets

22. here pretty soon ... or he'll think we're runnin' a botany

23. show. Specially since we've got that mistletoe hanging

24. up there in the middle of the sittin' room! Old folks like

25. us!

1. BESS: Now, Jim Robbins, you know you scouted all over the
2 country hunting for that sprig of mistletoe! Just the
3 same as you've done every year for the past twenty years
4 and more!

5 JIM: Yes-sir. And I still like to kiss my sweetheart. There!
6 (KISSES HER) I don't even need the mistletoe!

7 BESS: (SLIGHTLY UPSET) Go on ... go on now. Get your work
8 done!
9 (TELEPHONE RINGS)

10 JIM: Wonder who that is ... (PAUSE) Pine Cone Ranger Station...
11 Oh hell-o, Chief. Yes, this is Jim ... Bringing him up,
12 eh? What did you say his name was? -- Quick, Jerry Quick,
13 eh? -- Okay, Chief, I'll look after him -- Well, it's
14 open ... guess you'll find the road easy goin' today,
15 except for a little snow round Bobcat Grade -- (CHUCKLES)
16 All right, Bert, good-bye.
17 (CLICK OF RECEIVER)

18 BESS: Was that the Supervisor ... Mr. Ellsworth?

19 JIM: Yes. Called to say that he's bringing that new assistant
20 ranger up.

21 BESS: Today?

22 JIM: Yep ... right away. Be here in a few minutes.

23 BESS: Goodness gracious ... I'll have to see that his room is all
24 ready for him. What did you say his name was?
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1. JIM: Quick ... Jerry Quick. Chief says he's like his name.
 2. Quick to learn, he says -- but there's a lot he doesn't
 3. know yet.
 4. BESS: How old is he, Jim?
 5. JIM: Twenty-two. Just a youngster. He'll need hardening up a
 6. good bit.
 7. BESS: Now, Jim Robbins, don't you be too hard on that boy!
 8. JIM: (CHUCKLES) I won't, Bess.
 9. BESS: I know, you say that, but you're always bent on initiating a
 10. new man ... hardening them up, as you call it ... And
 11. besides this Mr. Quick is pretty young.
 12. JIM: I'll just put him through the paces, easy like. You know,
 13. Bess, we all need initiatin' in this world. You've got to
 14. be shown just where you fit, I suppose, no matter what you
 15. do. And the best way to make a new fellow feel at home is
 16. to holler at him good and proper ... scare the wits out of
 17. him, then show him what you really think of him after he's
 18. shown you that he's made out of real stuff.
 19. BESS: All right, just so you don't "holler" too loud!
 20. JIM: This chap has a good background. Been to forest school and
 21. is pretty bright, the Chief says. But he hasn't had much
 22. experience out in the field. We'll have to break him in,
 23. Bess.
 24.
 25.

1. BESS: And I'll have to run. I want to give his room just one
2. more look. Oh I do hope he brought his winter underwear.
3. It's awfully cold outside. (FADE OUT)
4. (MUSICAL INTERLUDE)
5. BESS: (OFF) Have they come yet, Jim!
6. JIM: They're coming now, I think, I just heard a car outside.
7. BESS: (COMING ON) Is it them?
8. JIM: (SLIGHTLY AWAY FROM MIKE, AS THOUGH AT WINDOW) Yes, there
9. they are. The supervisor and -- (UP) -- See the boy
10. getting out of the car.
11. BESS: (UP) Oh, he's nice looking, isn't he?
12. JIM: Looks husky enough.
13. BESS: I'll just stir up this fire in the stove a bit. They must
14. be pretty cold after that ride up from Willow Glen.
15. (RATTLE STOVE)
16. JIM: All right, I'll let them in.
17. (STAMPING FEET ON PORCH: DOOR OPENS)
18. JIM: Come in, folks, come right in.
19. SUPERVIEOR: Hell-o, Jim, how are you?
20. JIM: Fine, Bert.
21. BESS: How do you do, Mr. Ellsworth.
22. SUP: Mis' Robbins ...
23. BESS: Come over here by the stove both of you, and get warm.
24. SUP: Thanks, Mrs. Robbins, guess I will. Jim, here's our new
25. cub. Mr. Robbins, Mr. Quick ...

1. JIM: Glad to know you, Mr Quick.

2. JERRY: How are you, Mr. Robbins.

3. JIM: Bess, this is Mr. Quick.

4. BESS: We're glad to have you with us, Mr. Quick. I do hope

5. you'll like it here.

6. JERRY: I'm sure I shall.

7. SUP: Sure cold out today.

8. JIM: Sure is --

9. BESS: I thought this fire would be welcome after your ride up.

10. SUP: Indeed it is.

11. BESS: And I'm so glad we're going to have you for company,

12. Mr. Quick. Gets a little lonesome around here.

13. SUP: What's new on the district, Jim?

14. JIM: (CHUCKLES) What's new? Well, there's a lot that's going

15. to be new to young Mr. Quick here. Let's see --

16. (MORE CHUCKLES) First, I'm going to have to check over

17. and fix up the fire tools.

18. SUP: Good -- and the whole storehouse and toolsheds could stand

19. a little straightening up while he's at it. Don't you

20. think so, Jim?

21. JIM: So they could. How does that strike you, young fellow?

22. JERRY: All right, sir! But I'd like to get out on the range,

23. too, soonas I can.

24.

25.

1. JIM: Oh -- so you want to make over the district right pronto,
 2. eh? I'll tell you, son, there's a lot more to the ranger
 3. job than just riding around in a good-looking uniform.
 4. Isn't that right, Bert?

5. BERT: That's right, Jim.

6. BESS: But you'll let Mr. Quick get out in the woods before long,
 7. won't you?

8. JIM: Oh yes, he'll have plenty of chance to see what a forest
 9. looks like before we're through with him.

10. SUP: I'm going to turn you over to Jim, here, Quick. Got to
 11. get back to the office. But if there's anything you want...
 12. anything I can help you out oh, why just give me a ring,
 13. or drop in and see me.

14. QUICK: Thank you, Mr. Ellsworth, very much.

15. SUP: (JOKINGLY) And if Jim Robbins doesn't treat you right, why
 16. just let me know! (LAUGHS)

17. JIM: (LAUGHS) Don't worry, Bert.

18. QUICK: I'm not worrying, anyhow.

19. BESS: Do you really have to rush off, Mr. Ellsworth? I'd like
 20. for you to stay and have lunch with us.

21. SUP: Thanks, Mrs. Robbins, I'd sure like to stick around and
 22. manhandle a few beans, but I have an appointment with some
 23. cattlemen this afternoon.

24. BESS: Well, if you must go --
 25.

1. SUP: I really must. So long, Jim. Take good care -- this
2. young fellow finds out what it's all about.

3. JIM: I'll look after him, Bert.

4. BESS: And Mr. Ellsworth, you tell Mrs. Ellsworth that I haven't
5. forgotten about that basket she sent the things in for
6. Christmas. You know I couldn't send it back empty.

7. SUP: (LAUGHS) Ah, I see where we're going to get some good
8. eats! All right, Mrs. Robbins, I'll tell her. And you
9. folks come down sometime soon and see us.

10. BESS: We will ...

11. SUP: So long, Quick ...

12. JERRY: Good-bye, Mr Ellsworth.

13. SUP: Bye-folks! I'll be up again in a few days to see how
14. things are getting alone.

15. JIM: So long, Bert.

16. BESS: (WITH HIM) Good-bye!

17. (DOOR OPENS AND CLOSSES)

18. BESS: I'm going to leave you two alone now, Mr. Quick, to get
19. acquainted while I fix your lunch.

20. JERRY: All right, Mrs. Robbins...

21. BESS: (GOING OFF) I'll bet you're just about starved ..

22. JIM: Well, I guess we could eat, couldn't we Mr. Quick...

23. Jerry, isn't it?

24. JERRY: Yes-sir, Jerry.

25.

1. JIM: I might as well start calling you Jerry right now, then,
2. 'cause I -- if I can't call people by their first names,
3. I don't feel I'm doing right by 'em. -- So you're going to
4. be the assistant ranger on this district?

5. JERRY: Yes, Mr. Robbins, I guess I'm a ranger now.

6. JIM: Just let me get this pipe loaded up, and we'll talk it over.
7. Have some tobacco?

8. JERRY: No, thanks. But I think I'll smoke a cigarette if I may.

9. JIM: (PUFFING AT PIPE) Sure ... Go to it ... Never got broke to
10. cigarettes myself.
11. (BUSINESS OF MEN LIGHTING SMOKES)

12. JIM: S-a-a-ay! Wait a minute.

13. JERRY: What's the matter, sir?

14. JIM: Better break that match in two.

15. JERRY: It's out.

16. JIM: Then that's just why you should break it in two. You
17. break it in half after you blow it out - before you
18. throw it away.

19. JERRY: (LAUGHS APOLOGETICALLY) But I was going to throw it in
20. the stove.

21. JIM: You're just a young sapling, Jerry ... better start growing
22. up right while you're young enough to form good habits. You
23. see, if you get in the habit of throwing away a match
24. careless-like in one place, first thing you know you'll be
25. dropping one down some other place where it might start
some trouble.

1. JERRY: But I wouldn't Mr. Robbins - not in the woods, anyhow!

2. JIM: Yes, I know, but unless you form the habit of being

3. careful all the time, you might forget. Why, I've got so

4. now I'd break a match before I'd drop it in the middle of

5. a lake. You know why we break a match in two, after we

6. blow it out, don't you?

7. JERRY: Sure. Then you know it's out.

8. JIM: Yep, you can be pretty certain about it. Some folks are

9. superstitious about lighting three cigarettes on one match,

10. but my pet superstition is about breaking the match in two.

11. If you don't stop long enough to break it, it might bring

12. bad luck. See?

13. JERRY: I see all right. Here goes this one.

14. JIM: Folks are just like trees in more ways than one, Jerry.

15. You may not find it so exciting up here on the edge of these

16. woods, what with no theatres, and street cars, and city

17. things ... but you'll learn a lot from them. And you'll see

18. one of these days what I mean when I say that. You'll

19. learn ... I guess folks just need room to grow up in ...

20. room to spread out, and grow up tall and straight ... just

21. like the trees. And just like them, you need to start

22. right. (PAUSE) And by the time you've fought as many forest

23. fires as I have, young fellow, you'll realize that an

24. innocent-looking little match can pack a lot of bad luck

25. if you don't watch it close.

1. JERRY: All right, Mr. Robbins. From now on I'll break every match
2. in two -- whether I'm inside or out!

3. JIM: Now, let's see, where were we? I guess we hadn't started
4. to talk about your work yet, had we?

5. JERRY: No sir.

6. JIM: Well, let's see. Ever cruised timber?

7. JERRY: Sure. I did some practice cruising at the forest school.

8. JIM: Good. We've got some good timber on this district, too.
9. I'll take you up to look it over in a few days. -- Ever
10. made a range survey?

11. JERRY: Well -- ah -- No sir.

12. JIM: Then you'll have to learn. -- Ever strung telephone line?

13. JERRY: No, I haven't.

14. JIM: Well, you'll have to do that, too. How are you, son, on
15. surveying trail locations and preparing grazing plans and
16. scaling logs and developing campgrounds -- and loading a
17. pack of mules?

18. JERRY: Uh ... uh ... Well, I --

19. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Never mind, we'll go into that later. Ever
20. fought a forest fire?

21. JERRY: (VERY ENTHUSIASTIC) No sir, but I'd certainly like to try
22. it once!

23. JIM: You would, eh? Well, what would you do if you discovered
24. a forest fire?

25. JERRY: Why I'd immediately notify the nearest ranger, and --

1. JIM: Haw-haw -- So you'd notify the nearest ranger, huh?

2. Well, suppose you happened to be the ranger that gets

3. notified?

4. JERRY: Why -- why -- then I'd put the fire out!

5. JIM: (CHUCKLING) Fine. It's certainly a pleasure to know that

6. the fire situation will be taken care of so easily this

7. year on our district. Well, young fellow, you'll probably

8. have a chance to demonstrate just how you "put it out"

9. before the year's out. I guess it's just about too much

10. to hope for: that there won't be some careless camper this

11. year to give us trouble.

12. BESS: (OFF) Jim! Lunch is ready.

13. JIM: (CALLS) All right. (TO JERRY) Hear that, Jerry?--

14. You can wash up out there in back if you want.

15. JERRY: All right, sir ...

16. JIM: Just go right out that door there ... And Jerry --!

17. JERRY: (OFF SLIGHTLY) Yes-sir?

18. JIM: Mrs. Robbins left these Christmas things up around here

19. more or less special. (CHUCKLES) You know, so's the house

20. would look nice when you came.

21. JERRY: (LAUGHS) All right, Mr. Robbins. I'll remember that when

22. we go in to lunch.

23. (DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES)

24. BESS: (OFF) Jim! Are you coming?

25. JIM: (CALLS) Just a minute, Bess. We'll be right in!

(MUSIC)

ANNOUNCER: Well folks, we start the ninth year of Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers by recalling our first visit to the Pine Cone Ranger Station. In the next few weeks we're going to reminisce some more about those early days, so be sure and stick around. Ranger Jim and Bess and Jerry and Mary want especially to thank all of their friends of the past eight years for the thousands of fine and friendly letters they have received. They wish it were possible to answer all of them individually. And they want to thank all of you for your interest in the forests and in the conservation of our natural resources. And for 1940, they wish all of you a happy and prosperous new year, and -- well -- lots of good luck, everybody.

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